

DECLARATION

OF

WILLIAM and MARY,

KING and QUEEN of England, France and Ireland,

To all Their Loving Subjects in the Kingdom of IRELAND.

WILLIAM R.



WHereas it is incumbent upon Us to take care of, and preserve all Our Subjects within Our Dominions, of what Perswasion soever in Matters of Religion; And We being highly sensible of the Miseries Our Kingdom of Ireland is, and may be exposed to, by the Forces there raised and kept up, under pretence of Religion, at the Instigation of Romish Priests, and by the Influence of Foreign Councils, in Opposition to Us and Our Government; And being desirous to prevent the Calamities and Destruction, that must fall upon Our People in that Kingdom, in case Our Forces, now ready to enter the said Kingdom, (which We doubt not, but with Gods Help, may be sufficient to reduce it to due Obedience) shall proceed to Effect the same: We do hereby Declare and Promise to all Our Subjects whatsoever within that Kingdom, Full and entire Pardon and Indemnity for all things by them Acted, Done or Committed, by Virtue or Colour of any Authority, or pretended Authority within the said Kingdom, and a full and free Enjoyment of their respective Estates, according to Law, In case upon Notice of Our Royal Will and Pleasure, signified in this Our Declaration, they shall lay down their Arms, and retire themselves to their respective Habitations and Places of Abode, at, or before the tenth Day of April next, and there shall peaceably behave themselves, and live as good Subjects ought to do.

And We do hereby further Declare and Promise to all Our Subjects of the Romish Church, that hitherto have not taken Arms, or that shall upon Notice of this Our Declaration lay down their Arms, and retire and live as aforesaid, That they shall for the future have all the Favour for the private Exercise of their Religion, that the Law allows, and we can now grant to them; And that we shall speedily call a Parliament in the said Kingdom, and therein promote a further Indulgence to them.

And We do hereby further Declare, That notwithstanding this Our Declaration, any of Our Subjects shall continue in Arms in Opposition to Us, that we shall then think Our Selves free and clear of all the Blood that may be Spilt, and of the Destruction and Misery, which by reason thereof may be occasioned; And We shall look upon Our Selves to be justified before God and Man, in Our Proceedings by Force and Arms against them, as Rebels and Traitors; And such We do hereby Declare all those to be who shall Act as aforesaid, against us and Our Authority, as is herein expressed: And that the Lands and Estates of all such as shall, after Notice of this Our Declaration, persist in their Rebellion, or be in any wise Abettors thereof, and which by Law will be Forfeited unto Us, shall be by Us distributed and disposed to those, that shall be Aiding and Assisting in reducing the said Kingdom to its due Obedience.

Given at Our Court at Whitehall this 22th. Day of February, 1688. In the First Year of Our Reign.

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